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SACWN PRESENTS...

MARGIE ADAM

In the early 70's, the feminist and lesbian movement married each other - and their most beautiful and enduring daughter was named "woman's music". From coast to coast, women identified performers, concert venues, publications and festivals proliferated. On the West Coast there emerged a small group of celebrities called "The Big Four" - Meg Christian, Cris Williamson, Holly Near and Margie Adam. Pleiades Records was formed to record the music of Margie Adam. Four albums were produced: '*Songwriter*' (1976); the instrumental '*Naked Keys*' (1980); '*We Shall Go Forth!*' (1982); and the romantic '*Here is a Love Song*' (1983).

Margie Adam was born in Lompoc California on February 7, 1947. She began her performing career in 1973 at an open mike at Kate Millett's legendary Sacramento Women's Music Festival. For eleven years, she wrote songs of women loving women and performed those songs around the country. She was given the keys to the cities of Houston, Birmingham, Kansas City and Austin. She received the Southern California Women for Understanding "Women's Music Pioneer Award" and her song, "We Shall Go Forth!" was placed in the political History Division of the Smithsonian Institute. Then in 1984, she knew she needed a break. She ended her spring tour and decided to take a year off. That year turned into a seven year "radical sabbatical" before she began writing songs again.

Margie Adam is back, recording, touring and playing to packed houses. She recently released her fifth album, '*Another Place*' and is working on a soon-to-be released piano instrumental recording. Her music is new, deeper, more mature. Her incredible smile is the same. Join us on November 20th in welcoming her back to Sacramento where it all began twenty years ago.

This concert is open to the entire community and will be interpreted for hearing impaired persons.

Date: Saturday, November 20, 1993
Place: CREST THEATER
1013 K Street, Sacto.
Time: 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.)
Tickets: $15* Subscribers
$20 Non Subscribers
*** (Must be purchased from the SACWN office)**

See order form on inside back page.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

JOB DESCRIPTION

A detail oriented SACWNite is needed to fill the volunteer position of Special Interest Group Coordinator. The successful candidate for this position must possess patience, understanding, good problem solving skills and a reliable answering machine.

The responsibilities include:

1. Participation on the SACWN Steering Committee requiring one dinner hour meeting a quarter to develop and recommend policy for the administration of SACWN.
2. Monthly contact with SIG Facilitators to discuss SIG activities and to encourage the timely submission of information for the newsletter.
3. Coordination of a quarterly meeting with the SIG Facilitators to discuss concerns and ensure that activities of the SIGS are in keeping with SACWN policy.
4. Provide respect, appreciation and support to the dedicated women that are running SACWN SIG groups.
5. Training of new SIG faciliators and assistance in the development of new SIGs.
6. When needed, the recommendation of policy to the Steering Committee for the administration of the SIGs.

This is a very important position within the SACWN organization. If you would like to discuss filling this position and the many psychic rewards that accompany the role, please call Rosy Metrailer at 447-7255.

Well, our big event is almost here. Producing the Margie Adam Concert is SACWN's most ambitious undertaking. Financially it is an enormous risk. But with a sellout crowd, we could recover the deficit from last fiscal year and build a cushion that would allow us to continue producing low cost events throughout the coming year.

Tickets purchased at the SACWN subscriber rate of $15 must be purchased through mail or in person at the SACWN office. (Order form on inside of last page.) However, we want to acknowledge the organizations that are selling tickets in the community (at the $20 price). They include the Stonewall Alliance of Chico, Sacramento Women's Chorus, If the Shoe Fits, Lioness, MGW, Sacramento Women's Center, Crazy Razor, Howe Avenue Box Office, Sacramento Community Center Box Office, Phoenix Rising and Cheyenne's Restaurant. Please express your appreciation to these groups for their support.

As we prepare this newsletter for the printer, we are also getting ready for the Halloween Dance. A special thank you to the helpers: Denise, Linda, Kathy, Carol, Robin, Lori, Kym, Jane, Leta, Marion, Cinder and Lesha. What a wonderful crew you are! Also, running the bar at the dance will be women from the Sacramento Chorus. Thanks for your participation.

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	1/2 year	10%

Lastly, this is our last issue for 1993. We wish you peace, love and contentment in the New Year. Our hope for the future is that we can create a strong feeling of community and family within SACWN. To do that, we need your continued participation, support and investment in our SACWN community.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Let me tell you about two very special women. For the past ten months, Lesha has been facilitating the Single Connection. She set a welcoming tone that encouraged women who were newly single or newly "out" to trust that they could be comfortable attending the SIG functions. Many good friendships resulted from the caring way Lesha has of making people feel welcome.

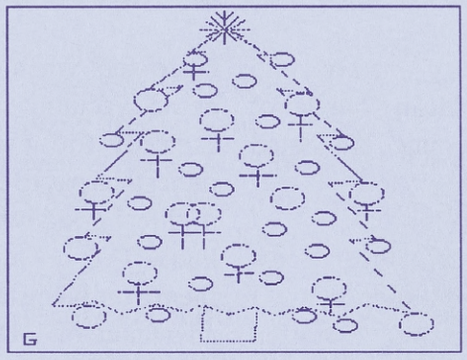
Well, Lesha has resigned from facilitating the Single Connection because she and Cinder (another former member of the Single Connection) want to start a new SIG, called the **Couples Connection. Congratulations.** And much thanks to Cynthia and Angie for agreeing to facilitate the Single Connection SIG. Another new SIG this month is the Poker SIG for Couples.Thanks to Kym and Jane for facilitating this new group.

BRIDGE

Jean and Marsha are the facilitators of the Bridge Group. Bridge games will be held at **2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons**. On the second Sunday, the games will be at Marsha's home and on the fourth Sunday the games will be at Jean's home. Cost is $1 per Sunday. Call **Marsha at 442-3093** by Friday if you plan to attend. Beginner lessons are available during the week. Check with Marsha.

SINGLE CONNECTION

Calling all single SACWNites to meet at **New Helvetia's**, 1215 19th Street at 5 p.m. on **November 20.** First the group will plan their Holiday event and then they'll go together to the Margie Adam Concert. For more information call



Angie at 979-1253 or Cynthia at 422-4979.

LATE-BLOOMERS

I know the name is silly (who came up with that name anyway?), but the concept has value. If you are a **woman 30 years or older** who is interested in exploring your love and attraction for women, I'd like to encourage you to join us for a time of support and friendship as you sort things out. Those who have attended regularly have said it has greatly accelerated their process of self acceptance and growth. Don't stay isolated, call **Eva at 878-9253** for date and location of meeting..

TOP TEN

Monthly get togethers for women over 50. For a great time and more information, call **Lise, 452-4948** for more details.

HIKING

We'll take a hike on November 20th, Call Erin at 649-3043 for more information.

RAINBOW CAMPERS

The tent has been dusted out, and the sleeping bags washed for the season. But these colorful women are dreaming of the call of the camping wild that they will answer next year. Call **Jayne at 921-6642.**

NEWCOMERS GROUP

Newcomers will met at Cheyenne's for Brunch on **October 31 at 1 p.m.** Come learn more about SACWN, Sacramento, or just to have a good time welcoming new folks. Call **Angie at 979-1253.**

INTO ART!

Working as an artist can be isolating. Want to talk to others who share your ups and downs? Call **Carmen at 455-9253.**

GOLF

Thursday will be perfect for golf. Give **Judy a call at 428-4685** to find out the details.

THE WALKING GROUP

Let's walk! **Reine** can be reached at **448-5412** to start around the block!

COUPLES' CONNECTION

Lesha and Cinder are leaving the Single Connection (together!) to start the Couples' Connection. First event for the group will be a Sunday, **November 7**, 1:00 p.m. potluck and planning session at Lesha's. The Couples' Connection will be a SIG where you can meet other women who are coupled, to get together, have fun and share experiences. **RSVP Lesha or Cinder at 676-0641.**

POKER FOR COUPLES

We want to meet people and play cards. Poker Club for Couples, Friday and/or Saturday. Call **Kym and Jane 649-1182.**

SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Our November Successful SACWNite was born and raised in Sacramento. Shanice Thibedeau, founder of Unicorn Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning, graduated from Rio Linda Senior High School.

How did she become an entrepreneur? "Pure necessity", she says. "I had three children to support and I knew I couldn't do that on a minimum wage. I started cleaning homes and saw that carpet cleaners were making more money. So, I decided I'd figure out the best way to clean carpets. And that was seventeen years ago."

The hardest part of starting the business for Shanice was building the initial customer base. "For six months, I went store to store in all of the malls, introducing the business. You get so many turn downs. For every "yes", you hear "no" at least a hundred times. It's very difficult to accept. The cold call selling part of business is still very hard for me. But after the first six months, I had built a base of customers that gave me enough referrals to continue the business."

Shanice enjoys the business she created. "It's a good living. When the children were small, I had flexibility in my schedule. I get to meet people and help them. I really like that."

Shanice started out using a chemical cleaning system, but wasn't happy with the method used by most carpet cleaners. She wanted a less toxic way that won't damage the rugs. So over several years, she began experimenting and developed a bio-degradable, non-toxic formula that she has used for the past ten years. Her method uses as little water as possible. "Water damages the carpet. I can usually do an entire house with one gallon of water compared to the steam cleaning process that uses more than three gallons per minute. And my system dries in an half an hour."

Shanice is aware that there are carpet cleaning companies that take advantage of customers with "bait and switch" techniques. "My customers tell me about their experiences with other firms. It breaks my heart when I hear from my senior citizen customers that they were sold services that I know they didn't need. I tell my customers when they could vacuum some area of the carpet rather than pay to clean it. I feel good when I know I've prevented them from being taken advantage of. Often they later refer me to their friends."

Shanice enjoys wind surfing at Rancho Seco, biking, photography and painting. "I worked for three years free-lancing as a photographer, doing wedding pictures and portraits, especially animals. My paintings are in oils and range from water reflections to animation. I play with movement within a painting. They look like drawings but with more intense colors."

Success to Shanice is seeing a smile on the face of her loved ones. "I'm in the best relationship I've ever had. Carol and I will be together one year in December. She is the sweetest, warmest and most caring woman. Finally I am sharing my life with someone who knows how to give and how to receive. We take special pleasure in pleasing each other and doing little things for each other. I am so happy!" What's my personal philosophy? Well, it goes like this. If I care about you and work to make you happy while you care about me and work to make me happy, then we'll both care enough about the relationship to make it work. Plus you need to be committed to talking about your feelings."

"If the people around you are happy, then you are doing something right. Financial success is important because you want to be able to take care of yourself. But family is important too. I now have two grandchildren and two more are expected soon. Just recently my son told me that he remembers coming home from school every afternoon to be greeted by the smells of dinner cooking. I could see the pleasure in his memory and I knew that I had been a successful mom, too."

MORE ABOUT MARGIE ADAM

Sacramento welcomes lesbian/feminist, pop singer/songwriter Margie Adam on Saturday, November 20, when she'll perform at the Crest Theater (1013 K. Street) at 8 P.M. Adam comes to us as part of her multi-city Fall Tour to showcase the release of ANOTHER PLACE, her new recording from Pleiades Records. Her performance will highlight songs from her new release, a few old favorites and pieces from another new body of work, Adam's soon to be released piano instrumental recording.

The work this tour presents gathers thirteen recently written songs that make what is familiar in our lives visible in a new way. There are songs that deal with the different faces of love - Deep in the Night captures the rapturous beginning, Ranting and Raving the angry breakup (rendered with humor) and Truth to Tell the sad, empty longing when it's finally over. There are songs that deal, in a movingly personal way with the broader context of our lives -- in Women who Dare, Adam sings "Count on me -- I'm here for you," and celebrates the intense, emotionally supportive bonds that women create. In How Many, she sings "How many hearts will be broken...How many lives will be taken," during the beautiful and simple chorus of a song about three friends living with AIDS. In Long Haul, she sings, "With a steady voice they call us," speaking of those whose lives enfold the long-term commitment needed for incremental social change. And there are many more loving and passionate new songs. Margie has always been that rarity among pop acoustic performers: she does many things equally well. She's an outstanding pianist (recently voted # 1 Keyboard Artist by readers of HOT WIRE, the premiere women's music publication in the country), composer, songwriter, singer, storyteller and social commentator. She is also very funny on stage.

But, perhaps most importantly to us, Margie Adam has, since the mid-'70s and early 80's, musically crystallized our lives and carried our message into the wider world. She has shared the stage with Gloria Steinem and Kate Millet, Lily Tomlin and Bonnie Raitt. Margie's performance of her song Best Friend (The Unicorn Song) on the main stage at this year's Gay and Lesbian March on Washington, became the theme song footage of a major documentary film about the event.

Adam's music is also helping others carry the gay and lesbian rights message to a broader audience. Peter, Paul & Mary, touring the country this year, sing Best Friend (The Unicorn Song) at every performance. The group explains that it was written by "lesbian/feminist, Margie Adam," and that they sing it in support of the gay and lesbian effort to gain both civil rights and social acceptance.

This summer, Margie Adam was quoted in a USA TODAY cover story on the new visibility of lesbians, their diversity, and cultural perspective. Said Adam, "It's the first time lesbians have been on the cover of a national magazine (Newsweek). When I came out in 1964, there was no political or cultural context for my life." And on the invisibility lesbians have long endured in this society: "No one knew who we were. As a result, there's no history of our accomplishments."

So, what can you expect of Margie Adam in Sacramento this November? As Ronnie Gilbert has said, "Margie calls out with fervor and wit to the compassion and spirit among women. The sound of her voice, lovelier than ever, lingers in the ear long after the performance is ended."

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ABOUT MONTHLY MEETINGS:

How do you rate the current features/benefits of the SACWN monthly event?

	Low										High
Overall Programs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Networking Time and Opportunity	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Comfortableness of Atmosphere	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Variety of Programming	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Choice of Artists/Programs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ease in Obtaining Tickets	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Location Selection	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

How frequently do you attend SACWN functions?

___ More than 8 times a year
___ 4-8 times a year
___ Less than 4 times a year

(Please complete:)
I would attend more events if _____

_____

Indicate your level of interest in the following as monthly programs:

	Low										High
Dances	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Comedians/Comedy	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lesbian Singers, singing about lesbian life	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Movies, Videos by women about women	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lesbian Authors	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Unknown/ lessor known lesbian performers	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Major lesbian performers	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lectures with lesbian "achievers"	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lesbian musicians, bands, combos	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Non-lesbian feminist performers or authors	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Special events such as the Gathering	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

I decide to attend the monthly event based on:

_____

_____

I recommend the following program/performer:

_____

ABOUT THE SACWN NEWSLETTER:

Do you read the SACWN Newsletter: Regularly Occasionally Not at All

How do you rate your interest in the newsletter articles?

	Low										High
Monthly Meeting Information	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Steering Committee Column	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Special Interest Group Page	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Successful SACWNite	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SACWN Says	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Community Calendar	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Classified Ads	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SACWN Exchange	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Advertisers	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

What additional feature(s) would you suggest in the newsletter?

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ABOUT THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

I have participated in a Special Interest Group: Yes No Which SIG? _____
I am currently participating in a Special Interest Group: Yes No Which SIG? _____
I no longer participate in a Special Interest Group because

_____

I would be interested in participating in the following Special Interest Group(s):

_____

ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES:

How do you rate the current SACWN staff services?

	Low										High
Overall Staff Service	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Phone Service	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Response Time	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Professional Manner of Staff	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ticket Purchase Procedure	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Comments about staff services:

_____

ABOUT YOU:

I have been a SACWN member for ___ Less than 2 years ___ 2-5 years ___ 6-9 years
What is the primary reason you joined SACWN?

_____

In you opinion, what is SACWN's greatest strength?

_____

In your opinion what is SACWN's greatest weakness?

_____

What ONE THING could SACWN do to better serve your long term needs as a subscriber?

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Any other comments?

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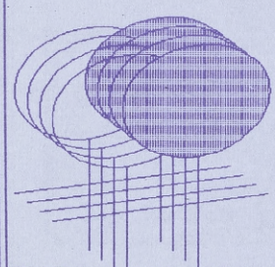

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SACWN SAYS . . .

THE VERY BEST IN 1994... Since this is our last issue for the year, SACWN wishes you health and happiness for the new year. We look forward to celebrating our tenth Anniversary of service to the lesbian community in 1994. To help us be the very best we can be, we'd like your response to the enclosed survey. We want to be sure we are meeting your needs!

THE WOMEN'S WISDOM PROJECT...is an arts empowerment program for homeless and low-income women. They will be holding their Christmas Boutique to sell jewelry, ceramics, greeting cards, paintings and more on November 5, 3-8 p.m. and November 6, 10-5 p.m. at 3508 24th Street. For info call 454-1862.

ON A POLITICAL NOTE... Honduran Campesina organizer, Elvia Alvarado, whose story is told in "Don't be Afraid Gringo: A Honduran Women Speaks from the Heart" will appear on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 9 at Sierra 2, 2791 24th Street, sponsored by the Central America Action Committee.

THE LESBIAN MOTHER'S NATIONAL DEFENSE FUND...has a newsletter called, Mom's Apple Pie. For information, write LMNDF at P. O. Box 21567, Seattle WA 98111 (206) 325-2643.

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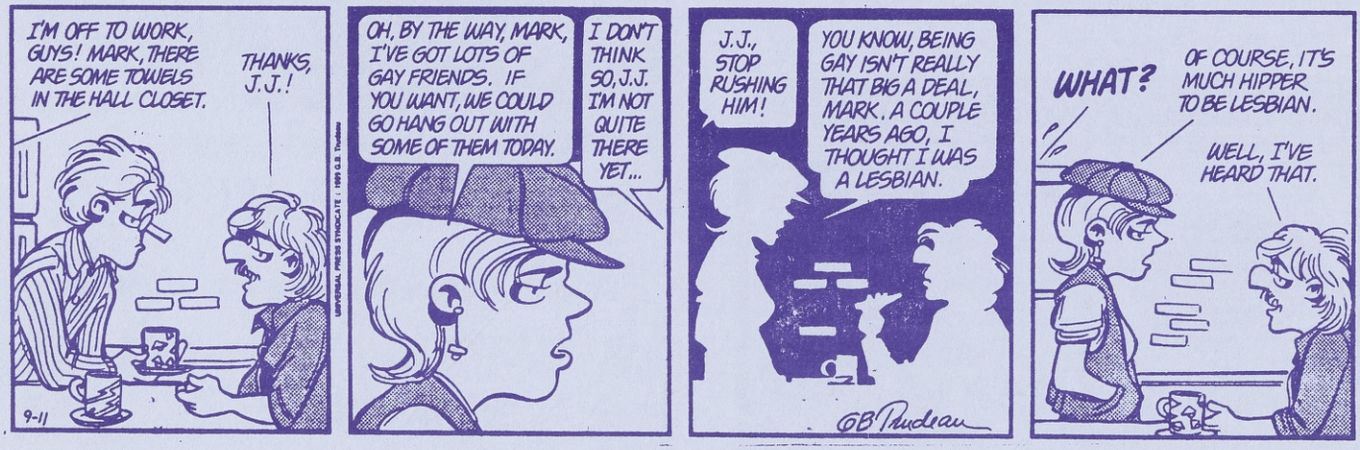
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THANKS, J.J.!
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I DON'T THINK SO, J.J. I'M NOT QUITE THERE YET...
J.J., STOP RUSHING HIM!
YOU KNOW, BEING GAY ISN'T REALLY THAT BIG A DEAL, MARK. A COUPLE YEARS AGO, I THOUGHT I WAS A LESBIAN.
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WHAT?
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